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FOR DEP ASST SEC SCHLAUDEMANN FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: OUTSTANDING CHILEAN ARMS REQUESTS

REF: STATE 049326

1. SEPTTEL REPORTS KEEN CHILEAN DESIRE TO OBTAIN TOW MISSILES FROM US, AND APPARENT WILLINGNESS TO CLEAR AWAY OUTSTANDING ISSUES SUCH AS SURRENDER OF HORMAN REMAINS IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE SUCH TRANSACTIONS.
2. I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT CONVERSATION REGARDING RETURN OF HORMAN REMAINS AS MEANS OF SMOOTHING PATH FOR TOWS WAS NOT PLANNED, OR UNDERTAKEN ON OUR INITIATIVE, AND THAT MISSION OFFICER'S INTENTION WAS NOT IN ANY WAY TO SUGGEST THERE BE A TRADE OFF. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IF HORMAN REMAINS ARE ACTUALLY FORTHCOMING, WE MIGHT BE ASKED IN EFFECT TO DELIVER. SHOULD THIS HAPPEN, ALL WE WILL BE ABLE TO SAY IS THAT WE HAVE RENEWED OUR REQUEST TO WASHINGTON TO REACH A QUICK AND FAVORABLE DECISION WITH RESPECT TO TOWS.
3. SINCE NEGOTIATIONS RE WEAPONS SALES TO CHILE ARE NECESSARILY CENTRALIZED IN WASHINGTON, WE HERE FIND OURSELVES QUITE OUT OF TOUCH WITH CURRENT STATE OF PLAY

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AND WITH ACTIVITIES WHICH MAY BE UNDERTAKEN BY CHILEAN

EMBASSY REGARDING WEAPONS PURCHASES. ANY INFORMAL WORD
WE CAN HAVE ABOUT PROSPECTS AND TIMING IN THIS REGARD WOULD
BE HELPFUL FOR OUR GUIDANCE WHEN SUBJECT ARISES AGAIN.
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